

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
WORK SESSION

May 15, 2024

Chairman Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Chris Canavan, Kevin Shelly, Dave Scheuren and Kent Krauss. Also present were Joseph Czajkowski, Township Manager; Holly Hosterman, Assistant to the Township Manager; Mike Beuke, Director of Building and Zoning; Doug Jones, Public Works Director; and Sergeant Cory Moyer, Lower Salford Township Police Department.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the minutes from the April 17 and April 30, 2024, Work Sessions. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones introduced Tony Ganguzza of Boyle Construction, who gave an update on the Public Works/Community Center feasibility study. Mr. Ganguzza was assisted by Sylvia Hoffman and Lauren Clifton of MKSD architects. They reviewed the layout and timing of the Public Works facility on Alumni Drive noting that the building would be located near the rear property line. It was also noted that Alumni Drive would be closed to through traffic with public access off of Main Street and Official Township traffic only access off of the current intersection with Maple Street. The existing public works building would be demolished and replaced with parking and material storage. Mr. Ganguzza said that the cost of the demolition of the old building and construction of the new Public Works facility would be approximately \$17,000,000. Mr. Ganguzza then gave an overview of the Community Center which is currently slated to be located at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Park Avenue. He noted some challenges to the site because of the property grade. He said that it is currently designed to house the Peak Center (senior center), the local Boy Scout troops and community

space. Mr. Ganguzza said that the cost to build the center and associated parking would be approximately \$10,500,000.

Additionally, Boyle and MKSD looked at building a covered parking area and impound garage for the police department at the Township building site. They estimated that the two structures would cost approximately \$1,900,000.

The Board discussed the cost of the three projects and wondered whether the community center might be put off until after the public works building was completed. It was discussed that there would be a need to find a temporary home for the senior center. Additionally, the board discussed whether alterations or alternatives for the covered parking and the impound garage could be found to bring the cost of those items down.

The Board asked staff to investigate financing options for the projects.

Mr. Jones reported that he was working with the street light consultant on the closeout of the upgrade project. Additionally, he said that the Solicitor was finishing up the language for the Barn lease. Doug noted that PennDOT would be doing chip seal work on Kinsey Road. Doug said that County was looking for the Township's input with regard to the turnaround to be installed at the end of Roberts Road once the old bridge is removed. The Board felt that a turnaround was necessary for emergency vehicles as well as snowplow and other large trucks (such as trash trucks). Mr. Jones informed that Board that the Bergey Road Bridge replacement project was out to bid, and the County was expected to award the bridge by the end of the month. He noted that poles and security cameras are to be installed at Alderfer park by the end of the month. Doug said that the Township crews and public works crews from area townships took part in the DVIT chainsaw training at Alderfer Park. The training, which included sawing down trees was helpful in cutting down a number of dead trees in the park. The department is conducting interviews for 2 full-time employees as well as summer employees. Mr. Jones hopes to have all full and part-time employees in place by the first of June.

Doug presented the 2024 Road Program. The program will include base repairs, Cape Seal surface treatment, Nova Chip wearing course and the mill and overlay of various roads. Doug anticipates the cost of the improvements to cost less than \$700,000.

Sergeant Moyer updated the Board on the Solicitation ordinance and associated list. He noted that so far this year there have been 25 solicitation permits issued. The Board discussed the process for getting no solicitation signs to the residents.

Sergeant Moyer updated the Board on the request for a speed study on Alderfer Road. He said that the traffic unit completed the study, and it was noted that the average speed on the road was 36 miles per hour. The posted speed limit is 35mph.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning Department had received 25 building permits thus far in the month of May. Mike said that there were no applications for the Zoning Hearing Board yet for the month of June. He said that the Planning Commission will be discussing the 196 Main Street subdivision as well as the Shahada subdivision and 488 Harleysville Pike Sketch plan. Mike said that the enforcement of the new temporary sign ordinance was going well.

Township Manager Joe Czajkowski updated the Board on the activities of Freedom Valley Medical Rescue. Mr. Czajkowski said that the rescue had 3 ambulances currently manned in Limerick and Lower Salford, one stationed in each Township and one floater ambulance stationed based on call volume. He said that the FVMR Board of Directors had appointed Deputy Chief Mike Gerrish, Interim Chief/Director of Operations. He noted that staffing expenses were in line with the squad's budget and overall revenues were keeping pace with expenses. Joe said that they were looking to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors, and they wanted to keep the membership at half Limerick and half Lower Salford representatives. He also said that the squad was working on a monthly report to be presented to the Townships regularly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski  
Township Manager